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FIVE NEW DEFENDANTS INDICTED IN KALADY FALSE IDENTITY RING

CHICAGO – A federal grand jury today returned separate indictments against five defendants, alleging that each of them conspired with a Chicago man to procure and sell false identification documents. The indictments against four women and a man are related to an undercover investigation last year that resulted in federal agents shutting down a false document mill allegedly operated by Joseph M. Kalady in a storefront office on West Irving Park Road. Kalady and eight of his customers were charged in 2001 when the investigation was unveiled. The five new defendants charged today allegedly conspired with Kalady to fraudulently obtain and sell social security cards and other false identification documents, such as fraudulent and counterfeit birth certificates and immunization records, announced Patrick J. Fitzgerald, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois.

All five defendants were indicted on one count each of conspiracy to make false statements. They will be arraigned at a later date in U.S. District Court. The defendants are:

- **Deamonda Smith**, Kalady's sister, 58, of 2314 North Campbell, Chicago;
- **Victoria Saez**, 38, of 2146 North Keeler, Chicago;
- **Tabitha Quinones**, Saez's daughter, 20, of 5347 West Addison, 1st floor, Chicago;
- **Arlene Riley**, 32, of 1842 North Monticello, Apt. 2W, Chicago; and

- **Andrew Waclaw**, 21, of 4858 South Harding, Chicago.

According to the indictments, between February 2000 and Aug. 13, 2001, each defendant allegedly conspired with Kalady and others to prepare false and counterfeit identification documents. Smith allegedly did so to assist others in obtaining U.S. citizenship documents, including creating false immunization records for use by others in obtaining social security cards issued by the Social Security Administration. The remaining defendants allegedly did so to assist others in creating the appearance of legitimate U.S. citizenship and legal residency, including creating counterfeit and fraudulent birth certificates, in addition to fraudulently procuring social security cards.

Fraud charges are pending against Kalady, 62, also of the North Campbell address, who remains in custody following his initial arrest in the case on Aug. 13, 2001, and subsequent court proceedings. All eight of his alleged customers who were arrested and charged last year after traveling to his office, which was located at 6342 West Irving Park Rd., to pick up false identification documents have since pleaded guilty.

Mr. Fitzgerald announced the charges together with Brian R. Perryman, District Director of the Immigration and Naturalization Service; Anita L. Davidson, Postal Inspector-in-Charge of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service in Chicago; and William Cotter, Special Agent-in-Charge of the Social Security Administration's Office of Inspector General in Chicago. The U.S. Secret Service in Chicago, which is the host agency of the Chicago Organized Crimes Task Force, and the U.S. State Department's Diplomatic Security Service in Chicago, assisted in the investigation.

If convicted, each defendant faces a maximum penalty of five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. The Court, however, would determine the appropriate sentence to be imposed under the United States Sentencing Guidelines.

The government is being represented by Assistant United States Attorney T. Markus Funk.

The public is reminded that indictments contain only charges and are not evidence of guilt.

The defendants are presumed innocent and are entitled to a fair trial at which the government has the burden of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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